

Attack on Taxicab Bonding Law Only Proves the Vital Need of It As Shown by Accident Statistics

As Vehicles Increased Under Ordinance
Making Streets Free, Deaths Increased
Also—Opponents Use False Figures.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

While one group of taxicab chauffeurs are putting forth every energy to stop the operation of the bonding law which requires them to be insured for \$2,500 to protect the public against accidents, following are a few of the significant facts that are to be presented on Friday morning in the Federal Court, and which will show the vital need of this legislation. An injunction is being sought to halt the enforcement of the law.

During the year 1921 there were 12,781 taxicabs using the streets for hire. Sixty deaths and 1,995 accidents, a total of over 2,000, were inflicted by taxicabs, according to the records of the Police Department.

In the same year, all of the vehicles using the highways, including taxicabs and trucks, numbered 324,771. The deaths caused by this number were 728 and there were 14,836 accidents.

According to these figures, the proportionate accidents by taxicabs were one in every six, and from the other vehicles, including heavy trucks, one in every twenty-two.

It is estimated from various sources that from 75 per cent. to 90 per cent. of all the motor vehicles running in the city are already insured, the lowest estimates being more than 50 per cent.—but only 5 per cent. of the taxicabs are insured.

Over 12,000 uncollected judgments against taxicabs have been recorded. This is due to the prevalence of most taxing taxicabs and evading responsibility in other ways, and this has been one of the important factors that led to the enactment of this legislation.

WHY TAXICAB GROWTH HAS INCREASED DEATHS.
The growth of the taxicab business has been in leaps and bounds, and it has, therefore, increased enormously. For example, instead of 3,857 cabs in 1913, there are now 12,781.

Prior to 1913, when the present city ordinance, secured by The Evening World, went into effect, the conduct of the taxicab business was a matter of license, and the taxicab was regarded in the light of a luxury, and only a small portion of the population could use the vehicles because of the high cost.

The private hack stand monopoly made it impossible for the individual chauffeur to get trade at hotels and restaurants, and the city streets were in this way rented out for large sums to favorite taxicab companies.

The ordinance was attacked, but held valid. This fixed the maximum rates under the then existing conditions, and these maximum rates are as flexible as to admit of a fair return to any one who engages in the business. Not only this, the maximum rates prescribed by law are so high that a very small percentage of the chauffeurs in the city who avail themselves of them. They prefer to charge a much lower rate and thereby get a more constant turnover.

Therefore, any plea of confiscation of their property because of the present bonding bill is evasive in view of the fact that they are permitted by law to charge for the same service they now are rendering a much higher rate than they do charge.

A State law was enacted through the efforts of The Evening World about the same time the city ordinance was passed, which marked the abolition of the private hack stand. This made possible a free for all use of the streets for all engaged in the business, and equal opportunity given to the individual cabman, which prior to that time was only enjoyed by the corporations who had bought the privileges in front of hotels and restaurants.

TREND OF TAXICAB LEGISLATION IS BENEFICIAL.

Therefore, the tendency of all taxicab legislation, as well as the present bonding bill, has been to eliminate all class distinctions and to grant to the individual operator the same rights and opportunities as are enjoyed by the larger corporations, which should accrue to the benefit of the public.

In both of the above statutes it was predicted, before the courts in the litigation following, that the public interest would be enhanced in that many more vehicles would be operating on the streets of the city and that many more people would enjoy the use of this vehicle at a lower rate because of the added opportunity given to the cab operators, and that thus an enlarged service would be obtained.

Not only this, but the public has a right to enjoy a reasonable rate and a more enlarged service by virtue of making all the streets of the city free and equal to all, without any favor to an individual or a corporation.

The prediction of The Evening



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some insurance company, the taxi chauffeurs have secured a figure of \$960 and have been harping about this arbitrary sum as the one means of tax insurance to meet the new bonding law requirements. Where the mysterious figure came from, has not been explained, but in order that the public shall not be misled, The Evening World again reprints the following statement, which gives the facts.

The highest amount, according to these figures, that a taxi chauffeur would have to pay is \$45 per month—\$20 of which is collateral and is returned to him at the end of the year if he escapes accident.

Five insurance companies, forming a pool, have opened an office at No. 19 West 44th Street to handle taxicab insurance under the new law. The pool, in return for monthly premiums will put up for individual taxi owners all or a part of the deposit required by the State Insurance Commission to guarantee payment of damages for taxicab accidents.

If the pool puts up the whole deposit the taxi owner must pay a premium of \$45 a month. If the owner deposits \$250, the premium is \$22.50 per month. Thus if the owner puts up \$250, he must lose a year's savings bank interest on that amount at 4 per cent., or \$10, and pay \$22.50 a month for the privilege, making the total cost of his insurance for one cab \$280 a year. He thereby saves \$260 a year by sacrificing \$10 interest on a \$250 savings bank deposit.

The other announced rates and annual costs are:

Initial Deposit	Yearly Interest	Premium Per Month	Total Per Year
\$500	\$20	\$20.00	\$240
\$250	\$10	\$12.50	\$150
\$100	\$4	\$7.50	\$60
\$50	\$2	\$4.50	\$30

The companies in the pool are: National Surety, American Surety, Fidelity & Deposit, Aetna Casualty & Surety and New Amsterdam Casualty.

POPE ASKS EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL IN PALESTINE

Vatican Opposes Advancement of Privileges to Jews.

GENEVA, June 28 (Associated Press).—The Holy See readily agrees that the Jews in Palestine must have equal civil rights with other nationalities, but it cannot consent to the Jews enjoying a privileged, preponderant position over the other nationalities and faiths or to the rights of Christians being insufficiently safeguarded, the Vatican declares in a letter to the League of Nations.

ANNA MOONEY WEDS J. J. FLEMING JR. UNDER ROSE ARCH



Couple Are Active in Civic and Social Affairs in Yorkville.

Beneath an arch of roses, John J. Fleming Jr., No. 1257 Park Avenue, and Miss Anna Mooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mooney, No. 179 East 96th Street, were married in St. Francis De Sales Church, 96th Street and Lexington Avenue, this morning in the presence of relatives and many friends of the couple. A wedding breakfast followed at the Hotel Astor. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming will spend their honeymoon touring, the first stop of the journey being Atlantic City. Mr. Fleming and his bride are active in civic and social affairs of Yorkville.

DIAMOND BROKER SAYS HE WAS ROBBED OF \$65,000

ST. LOUIS, June 28.—Morris Shinderman, Chicago diamond broker, today reported to the police that he had been robbed of \$65,000 in diamonds and jewelry while enroute to Mexico, Mo., from St. Louis yesterday.

WILSON'S ALLEGED SLAYER SERVED IN FRANCE.

LONDON, June 28.—The real name of James Connolly, who is charged with the murder of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, is Reginald Ridd, says the Evening News to-day. The News says he served three years with the Irish Guards in France, that he lived in a London suburb and drew a pension. His father, it says, is a retired bandmaster of the Dragoon Guards.

M'CUMBER BEFORE PRIMARIES TO-DAY

North Dakota Candidates Indorsed by Non-Partisan League.

FARGO, N. D., June 28 (Associated Press).—With candidates indorsed by the Non-Partisan League seeking nominations on both tickets, Republicans and Democratic voters of North Dakota went to the polls to-day to make nominations for United States Senator, Congressmen, State officers, and legislative and county posts.

First interest centered in the contest for renomination of Senator Porter J. McCumber, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who is opposed for the Republican indorsement by Lynn J. Frazier, former Governor and Non-Partisan League choice, and Ormaby McHarg, one-time private secretary to McCumber.

One of the important factors in the league campaign, in the view of its leaders, has been the work of A. C. Townley, founder and first President of the league, who has gone from town to town quietly lining up the leaguers and attempting to re-establish their precinct organization that was so effective in many elections.

CONVICTION APPEALS DOUBLED IN YEAR

Sixty-four Taken Since Banton Crime-Wave Drive.

Statistics of the Appeal Bureau of the District Attorney's office showed to-day that since District Attorney Banton started his "intensive drive" against increasing criminal activity about March 1 sixty-four appeals have been taken by persons convicted—more than twice the number in the corresponding period last year.

As examples of swift action in meeting these appeals, the case of Salto Kalso, convicted of murdering a friend in the Hotel Empire, is cited; he was convicted Feb. 24; the conviction was affirmed May 8. It is expected that a decision in the case of Luther Boddy, the Negro who killed two policemen, will be handed down July 12. Boddy was convicted in January.

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Two Color Sport Shoes

7.45

White canvas oxfords with rubber sole, and patent leather saddle. White buckskin one strap pumps with tan calf or patent leather saddle. White elkskin with tan or black calfskin saddle.

Straw & Felt Sport Hats

5.00

A smart wide-brimmed, upturned leghorn with draped scarf—a basket woven felt hat in white or colors—a fine hemp with scarf around the crown—and others.

Wool Jersey Swimming Suits

4.95

Boyish type suits with trunks attached—in black or navy with white belt. Third floor.

Mohair Slip-On Sweaters

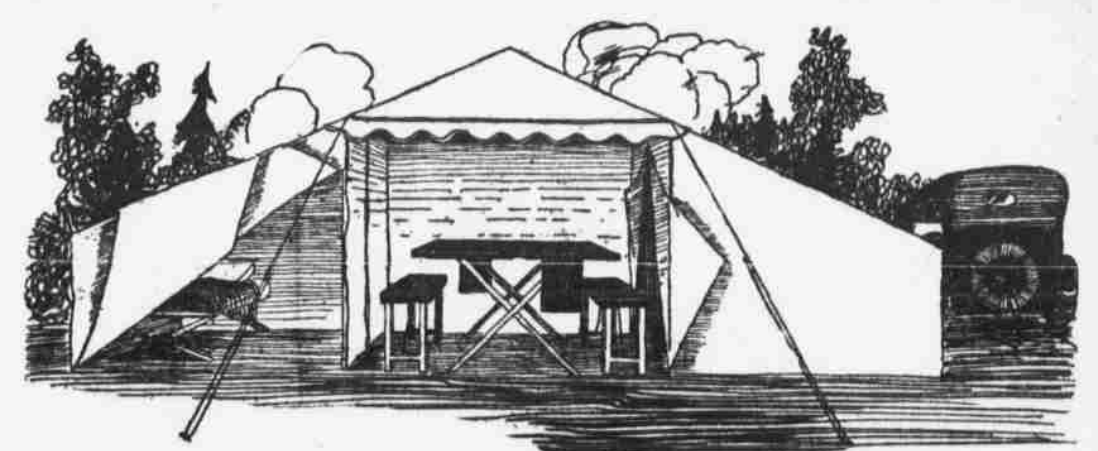
5.00

Novelty block and stripe weaves in V or high neck models, in black, white and all the wanted colors. Jersey sport coats, with or without sleeves, originally 6.95 to 11.50—now 5.50.

Silk, Flannel & Serge Skirts

10.50

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